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File No. 9. Sts. 6-9 & 11-18.

Manufacture and sale of articles in certain divisions.

Indexed.

No. 604.

Arms

Letter from Com
y Adapam Dr No 738
of 1739 of 25 Inst

In the Notifi
ication issued by the Com y Gen
inviting tenders for
the manufacture &
sale of arack, the
proposed Contract
was limited to 2 yrs.
This was what
was suggested
originally; but in
consideration of
the heavy outlay
which has to be
incurred by the
Renter in starting
the business & which it will
take a long time,
I think the Contract
ay be given out

for 3 years as was done in the Vinod... Dr—

3 Of the several tenders received Mr Jas' is the only one which accepts the amount guaranteed for each Estt separately while the others offer a lump sum for the two Estts.

3. The highest offer is that made by M Vram & Rukmimal and for Rs 156500 for 2 years — The next lower tender is for Rs 156000 from M Arathoon Pelle Mallappa Chettis Nephew Puttuswamy Chetty — Nanje Gowda's is for Rs 136000

I M Think 2 years suppose...

and Messrs Davy & Co's Rs 123502

In a subsequent tender made by Messrs Davy & Co they offer Rs 157520 for

Rs 60200 for Mysore D.

" 18060 for Hassan D.

4. It will appear that Messrs Davy & Co, who are the present Distillers at Hassan have had no notice of the introduction of the new system, and they submit they will be put to much loss if they are at once deprived of their stills at Hassan — I think it will be better to introduce the improved Excise system only into the Mysore Dt for the

60200
18060

157560

It is important I think to take any notice of a supplementary tender made subsequent to the date on which the tenders have presented and declare publicly by

But I presume their contract for the Hassan Dist. expires at the close of 1877-78. The appendix to Mr Cleveland's tabulation is always alleged by Messrs Cole & Mann deputed by Messrs Davy & Co has any good ground for disputing the legality for the appointment of other Distillers for the Hassan District. If their present contract for Hassan terminates on 31 March they have no ground for complaint. If the term of their contract has been

present and to
give a ryans
notice to Messrs
Davy & Co — The
Com may be
asked to ascertain
& report at once
what is the highest
amount
the tenderers, will
offer for the privilege
of manufacturing
selling and sale
only in the Imperial
& on the same
terms & conditions
on which the
Contract was
granted to Messrs
Naylor & Mallaffsk
in the November
Qr — There is
perhaps no time
to make the respective
to the Licenses

left undecided, they
have leave to Compleain
that they have not been
not given him - that
such notice has not given,
& that the decision of
the Commrs (for any thing
that not appear to the
contrary) may be
altered, & they
directed to do so
& to proceed

I do not suppose that
necessary I ask the Comm
to report on the point - whether
the Sudden Distillery, spoken
of as having just commenced
here, have no Contract
to distilling. Davy & Woodfield
have been one of the Distillers
at Bassaw and one
Shumacher, another Distiller
has in operation has ceased,
represented that he is
suddenly without persons
whom called upon to break
up his factory.
It is quite clear that this
no support notice has been
given to the Bassaw Sudden
Distillers as has done in
the case of the Bangalore ones.
The proceedings should
of the new system begin before
Receipts in the case of Bassaw Dist
& 1 April 1879 - and as regards
Imperial Dist, Resp Brown &
Richmond Sanitary Inspectors
to the Inspectors may be accepted,
after ascertaining from the Offr
Comm by Telegram, that parties

of this tender is appointed
for the opening out and
whether they will agree to
take up the Contract for the
Re Oats by 4/3

I cannot commend this
a/proceeding and should
& calculated
to encourage the terms of
the Rly Co's working
tenders, and I make
applicants distrust
such terms in future

by

I will agree to [illegible]
it would be [illegible]
to accept a lower rate
[illegible]

will begin
spread to retail
vendors from 1st April
in which case
Sept. Davy Nov
2nd tenders may be
accepted as being
the most favorable
of all —

5 The introduction
of the new system
may, as proposed
by the Com in para
8 of this letter, be post
poned till 1 May
to admit of the
preliminary arrange
ments being made

6. The maximum
retail rates allowed
in the Mundesley Dis
may be allowed
also in the Aylsham
Dis — The town rates
may be made

applicable to
both buyer & Vapor
y. to the rem-
ainder has to
pay rent for
the use of the
Distillery Con-tract,
Yes, I think the
Gov will have
it put up the
buildings [illegible]
of the Renter in
addition to the
first floor plan
[illegible] The [illegible]
will have to
be-fined in
proportion to
the outlay incurred
on the [illegible]

I think all
the conditions

granted to the
Renter by the Inundation
Do might be allowed
also to the Renter
in the Cultivation &c
so as become uni-
formity & practice.

R. Shannon Esq
28/3/78

2 Messrs Davy & Co
tender for the Mysore
& includes Eglandine
Jaghire & the island
of Seringapatam - and
the tender for Hyderabad &c
includes the new Inundation
Tabuk —

3 As Inundation
Tabuk has been transfd
to the Kadur &c it shd
be excluded from the
Contract and R. 1500
deducted from the
Contract Amount.
vide para 7 of Messrs
Davy Nos first tender.

As regards Yelandur
Japhine a separate
account ... the
abkari license fees
of that Taluk must
be kept and
the revenue thus
derived only
license fees
appropriated will
be made to
the Japhine Dar —

B. Thomson
20/5/78

There would seem to have
been some confusion
& consequently some
anxiety to avoid at
to afford just ground
for complaint hereafter
by more than one of the
principal lessees.
After due consideration
I think the best course
will be to frame pro
tempore
in the terms
decided on in the new ar

rangement for the pres-
ent year in Mysore
to make separate tenders
for Malavalli and Yelandur
& (two years) - Tenders to
be in Cauvery hands by
25th April - to take effect
from 1st May - Pre
mal notice to promptly
given of principal ten
ders & publication - So
that they may have
at least 15 days notice
clear

20/5/78

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From Secretary to Commissioner of the (illegible)

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department.

Dated Myoria 25th March 78.

Despatched

Received 27 : 6 : 78

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Enclosures No.

General No. 738
Rec. No. 944 1877-78.

Reporting on the result of the opening of the Tenders for the privilege of manufacturing and selling Arrack in the Division.

Return early with opinion

Mr Robbins for early attention
27.3.78

No. 738
R. 1443

Section — 5 1
File No — 7 7

Head Quarters Commissioner's Office.
Mysore, 29th March 1878.

To

The Secretary to the Chief
Commissioners of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to annex a statement
Shewing the result of the opening of the Tenders
for the privilege of manufacturing and selling Arrack
in this Division, as called for in this Office Noti-
-fication of the 26th ultimo.

2. It will be observed, from my remarks
in the Statement, that I have summarily rejected
the Tenders of Nos 1 & 4 for the reasons therein set
forth. The tender of No 4 is too low, and need
not be considered.

3. The following Tenders remain for the consid-
-deration and orders of the Chief Commissioner, viz

		Mysore	Hassan	Total
No 2.	Messrs. Davy Moodappa & Co	48,000	13,250	61,250
No 3.	Mr. P. Arathoon and Yallé Pooloosawamy Chetty	for 1878-79.		72,000
		" 1879-80		84,000
No 5.	Mr. Brown & Roodrimal Saut	1878-79		70,000
		1879-80		86,500
No 6.	Nunje Gowda			68,000

4. It will be observed that the election lies
between Nos 3 and 5. Both parties can be relied
on for carrying out the Contract, but Mr. Brown
& Roodrimal Saut guarantee Rs 500 more, over
the two years, a sum which is too small to
influence the decision. They now, however, hold
the Toddy Contract of this District, and therefore,

the

the means of procuring the cane jaggory required for the distillation of the Arrack. This is a great advantage. On the other hand, however, the possession of the Toddy Contract may not stimulate them to manufacture more Arrack than is covered by the guaranteed minimum amount, as in the absence of Arrack the Toddy is consumed.

5. Messrs. B. Arathoon & Y. Pootoo Saib thereby offer Rs 2000 more for the first year, but on the whole Rs 500 less than the others in the two years; but they propose to carry on the manufacture in the present Distillery Buildings at Paulhalli, which would save the Government erecting another enclosure and buildings elsewhere, or at the Balvai Unit as proposed. Mr. Arathoon has, however, assured me that the Distillery Buildings at Paulhalli would be rented to any other the Chief Commissioner may select, at Rs 40 per annum. This, however, is no guarantee from the Company. I may add that Mr. Arathoon states that he is not connected in any way in his tender with the Paulhalli Co.

6. The great drawback to the Distillery being located at Paulhalli is its extreme unhealthiness during certain seasons of the year. I found all the Officials more or less suffering from fever during my visit this morning to Paulhalli.

7. It was brought to my notice by some of the Tenderers that, under Condition 3 of para VI of the Notification of the 26th February last, buildings were to be provided for the Distillers,

I have since observed, in para 9, page 3 of the Lieut Governor's Supplement of March 19, 1878, that the Madras Govt prohibit the Holder of the license having any interest in the Toddy Contract. Such Govt. in Nilgiris &c.

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who was to pay a rent for them. The estimate lately sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner for the proposed enclosure at the Dalvoi Vault only provides for the wall and the Government Office and Store rooms. I presume that the successful tenderer will be called upon to erect his own buildings within the enclosure.

8. This leads to the consideration of the question of the date from which the Contract is to take effect, as it is impossible to commence operations from the 1st proximo, as the process of fermentation alone takes about 20 days, so I would propose the 1st of May being fixed.

9. The Tenderers are also desirous that the maximum retail rates of Rs 5. 4. 0 for the Town, and Rs 4. 4. 0 per Gallon in the Talooks, now fixed for the Nandidroog Division, be also allowed in this Division.

10. It would appear that the original Notification for the Nandidroog Division was merely copied and adapted to this Division, and Tenders for 2 years were called for. The Tenderers mooted the question of the period being extended to 3 years, which I would recommend. None of the Tenderers, however, offered to enhance the amount of their tenders in the event of the period being so extended.

11. The accompanying statement will shew the revenue derived annually since 1870-71 from that year up to 1874-75 the revenue was realized under the Budder Distillery System and amounted (in round numbers) from 41,000

to 52,000 Rs for both the Districts. In 1875-76 the monopoly of the Mysore District was given to the Paulhalli Company, and the total realizations for that District rose from Rs 37,879 in the previous year, to Rs 68,978, and in the year 1876-77 to Rs 65,845. Owing, however, chiefly to the default made by the Paulhalli Company, the realizations up to the end of February last were only amounted to Rs 46,143. The Consumption of arrack, however, would appear to have steadily decreased for more than a year.

12. It will thus be seen that the present rates exceed the highest revenue yet obtained.

13. According to the Notification of the 26th February last, the rate of still head duty for the town of Mysore is not made applicable to the town of Hassan, which being a Mofussil town under the "District" rates, it would appear that the retail selling rates were not fixed for the Hassan District, and that the Sudder Distillers & Retail Vendors have been allowed to fix their own selling rates which are Rs 6 per gallon in the town of Hassan, and Rs 5. 8. 0 in the Talooks. These rates are very high as compared with those lately sanctioned for the Nundidroog Division of Rs 5. 4. 0 and Rs 4. 4. 0 respectively, and yet Mr. Shaw assures me that they are not prohibitive. I consider therefore that the rate of still head duty fixed for the town of Mysore should be adopted for the town of Hassan

Now Rs 6 in all the Talooks also. - MB

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Hassan also.

14. The Funeral Cinders are submitted in original, and the early orders of the Chief Commissioner are solicited.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt. Servant

H.G. Commissioner.
Astrakhan Division

Register of Tenders for the Arrack Contract 23rd March 1878 in the presence of the Parties.

No.	Names of Tenderers	Amount Tendered for the Mysore Distt. including the Town of Mysore.	Amount Tendered For the Hassan District	Total
1.	Pucca Nullagay Timmanah	Distr. Contract was not given	Do.	Rs 40,000 or 48,000
2.	Mess. Savy Moodeappa & Co.	Rs 48,000	Rs 13250	61250.
3.	Mr. Srattoon & Yelli Doothuswamy Reddy.	Distr. Contract was not given	Do.	42,000 84,000
4.	Hindoo Buswiah.	Do.		52,000.
5.	Messrs. Brown Rooclman & Co.	Do.		70,000 86,500
6.	Nanjay Gowdah.	Do.		68,000
7.	Pampanna.	Do.		40,000 or 50,000

Asstt. Collr's Office
Mysore, March 1878.

Statement shewing the Revenue from arrack issued in the Mysore and Hassan Districts from 1870/71

Years.	Mysore District			Hassan District			Total			Remarks.
5 Years from 1870/71 to 1874/75.										
1870/71	30241	6	"	11765	15	"	42007	5	"	
1871/72	31297	7	"	10124	1	2	41421	8	2	
1872/73	33962	8	"	11563	8	6	45526	"	6	
1873/74	27919	4	2	13387	1	"	41306	5	2	
1874/75	37879	9	1	14233	10	9	52113	3	10	
Total	161300	2	3	61074	4	5	222374	6	8	
					12	2		12	5	
Average per Annum	32260	"	5	12214	13	8	44474	14	1	
									2	
5 Years from 1872/73 to 1876/77										
1872/73	33962	8	"	11563	8	6	45526	"	6	
1873/74	27919	4	2	13387	1	"	41306	5	2	

1874/75	37879	9	1	14233	10	9	52113	3	10
1875/76 X	68978	"	2	13756	11	"	82734	11	2
1876/77 ⊗	65845	12	2	15300	11	3	81146	7	5
Total	34585	1	7	68241	10	6	302826	12	1
Average for [illegible]	46917	"	11	13648	5	3	60565	5	7

The Pathally Company obtained the monopoly from 1st April 1875.

X ⊗ These figures include Rs 14507-5-0 and 11414-6-1 received by the Pathally Company at 10¾ annas per gallon in 1875-76 & 1876-77 respectively.

Secretariat Commissioner's Office
25th March 1878

C.H. Evans

Draft for with reference
Mr. Robertson
Early attention.
27.3.78

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From

The Offg. Commissioner,
Akola

To

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department.

No— Dated 25th March

Despatched

Received 27 78 6-15 P.M.

Rego 28.

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 739
No. 12 } 1877—78.

Sir,

In continuation of my No 125 C of this date, I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of the Chief Comr, a Tender just given in by Messrs Davy Moodappah & Co.

I do not think that any Tenders should be received after the hour and date fixed for their opening, but the circumstances represented by them are exceptional.

2. There is no doubt that due notice ought to have been given to the Distillers at Hapan that the arrangements entered into with them for the distillation

and publish measures to secure
from the said Province. And that
such further measures shall seem
thereto necessary, as
Council, to obtain
relieve the said
Petitioners will ever pray, &c.
Petitioners, &c.
that a true and
of the Communications
Papers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble

Sir Geo. Prevost Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

From.

Messrs Davy, Woodd & Co.
Kandy.

To.

The Commissioner
Ashtagram Division.

Sir.

We beg to have the honor most respectfully to protest against the disadvantages under which we labour when drawing our tender for the exclusive privilege of making and selling Arrack for the Town of Kandy, and the 2 Dist.ts of Kandy, and Harrow - which were mainly as follows: the conditions as published in Gazette No. 9 of the 2nd instant are apparently to be changed very materially in fact almost entirely as regards rates, whilst many other conditions were so ambiguously worded that it was scarcely possible to know exactly what was intended.

Knowing this we applied to the Commissioner both verbally, and by letter on the 11th instant for certain explanations, which he told us he would not undertake the responsibility of giving himself, but that he would refer the

the questions to Bangalore, and would
fine us the information before the 20th;
this has not up to the present moment
been furnished to us - so that we were
compelled through these circumstances
to tender avid were in the dark. Whereas
those who came from Bangalore came
armed with all the information which
we lacked, and as a proof of this the only
2 tenders which were higher than ours by
any appreciable extent were those from
Bangalore - It was through fearing something
of this kind we added the last para in
our tender, saying we should be prepared
to give as high a guarantee as any other
bonâ fide tender, if practicable, and in
accordance with that para we beg now
to offer as a minimum guarantee the
sum of 78,260 rupees inclusive of local
funds cess annually viz: Mysore Town and
District 60,200 and Hassan 18,060 rupees
on the same rules and conditions
existing in Nundidroog Division, 4 Coorgs.
Moreover no tender but ours separated
the Districts, which was necessary according
to the Notice.

Besides we again refer to para 4
of our tender in which we entered a
protest against our being deprived

(without an ordinary ~~notice~~) of our
Still in Hassan — When we commenced
distilling there we were called upon to
pay for the buildings, and all materials
therein, which cost us a very considerable
outlay, and on the supposition things
were to remain for the present as hitherto
we have made advances for a continued
supply of materials — which we trust
will receive your earnest consideration
as a matter of justice! We may add
it has hitherto been usual to give at
least 12 months notice, and we ask
we may be treated in the same manner.
We therefore beg you will be so good as
to send this letter with our tender when
sending them for the Board of Commissioners
decision.

We have the honor to be
Sirs
Your most obd.t servants.

21st March
1878
Mysore

Wm Vincent McDowell

Davy Modeppa & Co
"

Please see
Secy Remarks
on P No 4568 subs
herewith.
29.5.78

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From The Commissioner

To Ashw: Du

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department.

Gl. No 6320.
Rm 1713.

Dated 26
Despatched
Received 29 March

Enclosures No.

General No. 745 } 1878—7.
No. 143

This office letter Nos: 738 & 1444
739 1445 dated 25th instant
respectively on the subject of
Arrack Tenders from 1st April

General N° 16

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Mysore Resident's Comm: Office
Bangalore 3rd April 1878

Draft Telegram to Commissioner
of the Cuddapah Division

Introduction of the
~~Telegram from the~~
Improved Excise system
~~Tending the Abolition~~
into Mysore & portions
~~of it in the new districts~~
of the present Fresh Legis-
~~lation for the present~~ is
will be granted for the
~~Respect to Sequins to make~~
Mysore & only for two
~~Separate Rendels for that~~
years - Notification will
~~District only for two years~~
appear in next Gazette
Rendels to be in Commissioners
hands by 25th April, to take
effect from 1st May - Give
prompt Notice to principal
Renders and to public,
so that they have sufficient
days notice clear - Rates
of Duty license fee and selling
prices ~~to be fixed~~ wholesale & retail,
~~by 25th March 1878 such~~
~~follow~~ same as those
fixed for Bangalore
Town & District. Further
particulars by post.

From

To The Comm^rs of the
Astrakhan Division

Serial No. 11

Dated
Despatched } 28th May 1878
Received 31st

Enclosures No.

General No. 1578
No. 13

Adverting to the Correspondence ending with this Office No 15/16 dt 3rd April last regarding that the Comm^rs will cause notice to the Distillers at Astrakhan of the intention of the Chief Comm^rs to alter the present system with effect from 30th September next.

By order

For Secretary

Transmitted
PBOM
28/6/78

Rd

Rec'd 1878. O 997/46

From The Commissioner Ashtagram D...

Secretary to Chief Commissioner, General Department.

To Bangalore

Dated 7th June

Despatched

Received 10 June

Enclosures No.

General No. 182 } 1878—79.
Rev No. 43 }

Nos do Ref No. 1578 dated 28th May 1878, directing that notice should be given to the distillers at Hassan of the intention of the Commissioner to alter the present Sudder distillery System from the 30th Septr next.

Referring to the above, states that the necessary instructions have been issued to the Deputy Commissioner Hassan, and enquires whether a notification inviting tenders for the privilege of manufacturing and selling arrack under the improved Excise System in the Hassan District, from 1st October 1878 may be forwarded to the Compiler of the Reports &c.

To
Dy Cr Hassan
10.6.78

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Submitted
11/6

In Rep of 3 April last, it was intimated that in the absence of previous notice the Sudder Distillery at Hassan, the new System could not be introduced before 1 April 79. Notice was to issue accordingly to the Distillers.

The Asst Comr has since completed arrangements for working the System at Hassan as early as may be practicable, & the Comr now desires that the Distillers be made liable as from 30 Sept 78—

The introduction of this System has involved & established, as has now been done in many hundred cases, our Distillery for the last two years at Hassan. There seems little likelihood of the new Distillery at Hassan being now made to come, & the change of System may therefore be deferred probably to 1 April 79 as first intended by 13/6

Under the circumstances, I have no objection to defer the change of arrangements to 1 April 1879. ascertaining the views of the Comr verbally & also those of the Distillers

BL 14/6

other points adverted to by the Com. I do not know what was actually agreed upon at the Conference & took place at the first Mtg.

BP
24/6

See my marginal notes on each point below

BP
25/6

on a consideration of what he could I will not object to the issue of licenses as he proposes (permitting the sale of a maximum of one quart bottle) - Subject to modification on this point on the Expiry of the year for wh the licenses is issued should mischievous results appear to follow.

BP
29/6

C 1186.

1878.

From The Commissioner

To Municipal Corporation

Secretary to Chief Commissioner,
General Department.

Section —

File No. 2771

Dated 10/6 1878

Despatched 24/6 1878

Received 24/6 1878

ENCLOSURES NO

General No. 90 } 1878—79
No.

Chief Comrs Pro: No: 1836 of 24/6
R. 26/6

Submits Explanation on certain points in connection with the Abkarry Agreement executed by Messrs. Morgan & R. B. J. Mullaspa Chetty.

Rec'd
27.6.78

The only tender referred to in para 1 was returned & the copy filed with the Ch Comrs No 228 of 30 Jany 1878 does not contain any such clause as that quoted. But even assuming that it was agreed, as suggested, the licenses should be issued to the Renters for distribution to the vendors, it does not follow the licenses shd be issued in the names of the Renters. As regards the

No. 90. R.

Sundry drog Division

Commissioner's Office

Bangalore 17th June 1878

To

The Secretary to the

Chief Commissioner

of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to para 1 of the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 1836/26 of the 13th Instant, I beg to state that in the tender submitted with this Office letter No. 228 of the 30th January last, the following Condition was entered by the Tenderers.

"The retail licenses to be issued "to us for distribution to Vendors "and the license fee will be paid by us." This was approved of by the Chief Commissioner in Proceedings No. 9460/99 dated 31st Jany 1878; and Major Clarke then Offg: as Commissioner of the Division, after receiving the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings in replying to the Tenderers, entered the following condition.

"The retail licenses to be issued

"issued to you for distribution
"to the vendors, and the license
"fee to be paid by you"

2. The first tenderers petition in favor of one of their number Rai Bahadur Ydlli Mallapah Chetty, and the Chief Commissioner approved of the contract being given on the same conditions to Rai Bahadur Ydlli Mallapah Chetty, and his partner Mr Mercier

3. The licenses were therefore ordered to be issued in the Contractor's name in Conformity with the above order and the practice in the Madras Presidency, where under similar arrangements the Vendors are under the control of the Contractors, whose servants, it is part of the system, to consider themselves in force -

4. With regard to the 2nd point I beg to bring to notice that the 4 Annas per gallon for Excise

Re objection taken to the Tender documents since the issue of the Tender by

Pro: No. 1086 of 1220 the 11th March 1898

gallon in ~~excess~~ 26 of ba sold in any shop in Bangalore, was entered in the first draft agreement, but after discussing the clause with Mr. Saunders, on which occasion to the best of my recollection, Major Clarke was present, the clause was struck out, apparently on condition that the Contractors paid Rs. 15 licensee fee for the shops in Tumkur and Kolar, and I have fortunately been able to turn up the draft agreement which I took up to Mr. Saunders, and which shews my pencil run through this clause at the time - and over it, I subsequently substituted the revised clause about licenses which had been approved of by the Chief Commissioner at the meeting.

Col Pearse does not appear to have had a part in this

It is possible that Saunders has a recollection, but his disappearance has taken the conclusion I think Col Pearse ought to have submitted his recollection specially after his personal interview

5. The draft agreement also provides for the revision of the number of shops at the End of one year, if necessary. The higher

higher rate of licence fee of Rs. 20, cannot therefore now be charged.

Re Para 13 of Memo. of Evidence

6. With reference to para 3, I beg to state that considerable discussion took place at the time, as to whether retail vendors should be allowed to sell one bottle of arrack to outsiders or not.

7. I was in favor of it for the following reasons:-

8. The practice is allowed in all the Territory surrounding Mysore- therefore all along our Frontier every man who wants liquor in excess of the dram or two which he is allowed to drink on the premises sends for it to the arrack shop beyond the Frontier, where he can get it cheaper and where they are permitted to sell two bottles to any individual- so that a family can get sufficient for a marriage feast from the Vendors

one

over the border, 28 whilst debarred
from buying it from our arrack
vendors. The present Contractors
naturally and I think justly
wished to be placed on a better
footing in this respect.

9. The Madras Government
has become so well aware of
the inadvisability of the old
restriction that they have entered
a special clause in their
act permitting the sale of one
seer of arrack to be taken away
from the shop.

10. The present restriction which
prevents a respectable man from
purchasing a bottle of good
sound arrack for private use,
or medicinal purposes, only
gives risk, moreover, to a lax
state of matters, and constant
complaints regarding breaches
of the rules in force, which is
the natural result of any
law so stringent as to interfere
with the habits or wants of

any

any class or classes of the Community.

11. The vend of rack also in such a manner and only under such restrictions as will meet the wants of the people, is, I think most judicious, as well as advantageous at present. It is good, sound, wholesome liquor made and sold under Government control in such a manner as to prevent to a very marked extent adulteration & fraud and by placing extra restrictions on its sale, we drive those classes of the people who must have strong drink, into the shops of the dealers whose name is fast becoming legion who sell imported liquor & who are gradually supplanting the Government liquor in the market, to the disadvantage of the Government and the detriment of the people. These European liquor shops as they are called

pay

pay only a ~~Wholesale~~ Retail license for. they drive a thriving trade all day and all night; they can sell at any time a bottle or a dozen of infamous stuff, called Brandy, Whisky, Wine etc:, even at midnight to any one, whereas the vendor of arack can only sell two drams on the premises and must close at 9 P.M.

12. I confess with the utmost deference, that I have never been able, to see why such restrictions should be placed on the only sound liquor which can be had cheap, especially, when it is the staple liquor of the people of the Country, whilst such unlimited liberty of action is given to the vendors of the cheap, adulterated, deleterious spirit which is imported from Europe in such large quantities at present.

I submit my Memo on this subject (on top of the file) with his Excellencies orders thereon. Mr Saunders can do as he decides upon but has answer as he can best indemnify himself by the Police as an assent - and in my Memo. I advocate the Police proposal when however his Excellency saw reason to dissent from it 8/6

13. I explained my views

July

fully to Mr. Saunders at the time, and he said that once that the permission allowing one bottle to be sold might stand.

4 The renewed licences will however be issued in conformity with Mr. Gordon's wishes, and I trust I shall be excused for reiterating these views, in which I fear from the recent proceedings, Mr. Gordon may not fully concur, but having often thought this matter out, I have considered it a duty to place them before him.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obt. Servt.

Commissioner
Rundy drop Division

Revenue

No. 27

1878.

From

To The Commissioner
Ashtagram Dist.

Dated 4th July 1878.

Despatched " — " —

Received

Enclosures No. —

General No. 2593

Rev. No. 32

Docket no 182/43 of
7th June 78 enquiring
whether a notification
inviting tenders for the
privilege of manufacturing
and selling arrack
under the Improved
Excise System in the
Hassan District from
1st October 78. might be
forwarded to the compiler
of the Mysore Gazette
for publication.

~~In reply, states that~~
~~there is likely to be~~
~~some delay in erecting the distillery at~~
~~Mysore and desires~~

~~to~~

to be favored with the
views of the Govt on
also those of the Distiller
as to the advisability
or otherwise of
deferring the arrange-
ment to assimilate
Hessian Duties till
1st October 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]

To the Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

[illegible]

1878.

From

The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore.

To The Commissioner
Nundydroog Divn

Dated 16th July

Despatched " — "

Received —

ENCLOSURES NO. " —

General No. 2905/57
R No.

Commenting on the explanation submitted by the Commr. Nundydroog Divn in connection with the Abkarry agreement.

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General No. 2905
R. 57

dated 16th July 1878

Letter No. 90 of the 17th June 1878 from the Commr. Nandidroog Divn. submitting Explanation on certain points adverted to in C.C. Proceedings No. 1836/26 of the 13th idem in connection with the Abkarry Agreement executed by Messrs Buergler and Rai Bahadur Mullabha Chetty.

Order thereon ——— With reference ~~Refer~~ ring to paras 1 to 3 of the above letter, the Collector is informed that the Appellate Observes that the original taken in para 1 of this Office tender submitted with Proceedings No. 1837/26 of 13th June the Commr's letter No. 228 last was to the licenses being of the 30th January last issued in the names of the boars returned to licensed Renters but not to their back the copy thereof being distributed to the vendors with the said letter in this Office does not contain any such clause as that quoted by the Commr in para 1 of the present letter

letter providing that the retail licenses should be issued to the Renters for distribution to Vendors. But even assuming that ~~there was~~ such a provision was agreed upon, it ~~was~~ does not follow that the licenses should be issued in the names of the Renters, and the objection taken in para 1 of this Office Proceedings No. 1836/26 of the 13th June 1878 was to the Licenses being issued in the names of the Renters.

2. ~~In para 4 of his~~ With regard to the omission in the agreement to provide for the payment of ~~letter Col. Pearse states~~ ~~that the~~ an extra duty of 4 annas per gallon for every gallon in excess of 66 sold in any shop in Bangalore, the CC. ~~observes~~ ~~was entered in the first draft agreement, but that after discussing this with Mr. Saunders on which occasion to the best of Col. Pearse's~~

accepts the Comm but Mr Ford adds that it is possible that Mr Saunders did assent to this payment being dispensed with, but as Mr Ford understands, the discussion was rather inconclusive Col Pearse might have submitted the matter officially after his personal interview. This should invariably be done in similar cases.

Recollection, Mapso
Clarke was present,
the clause was struck
out, that Col: Pearse
has been able to turn up
the draft agreement which
he took up to Mr Saunders
and which shews his
pencil run through this
clause at the time, and
that over it he subsequ
-ently substituted the
revised clause which
had been approved by
the Chiefcourse at the
meeting. The Chiefcourse
thinks that Col: Pearse
ought to have submitted
the matter officially
after the personal
interview, and directed
that this should invar
-iably be done in future

3. With reference to
para 5 of the Comm's letter

in which it is stated
~~Stating~~ that the higher
rate of license fee of
Rs 20 cannot be
charged until a re-
vision of the ~~xxx~~ number
of shops is made at
the end of one year the
Chief Commr remarks
~~observes~~
~~that this Office~~ the order
No 1836/26 of the 13th ultimo
does not direct otherwise.

4. On a considera-
tion of what the Com-
missioner has urged
in paras 6 to 14 of his
letter, the Chf Commr
will not object to the
issue of license as he
proposes permitting the
sale of a maximum of
one quart bottle, Sub-
ject to modification
on this point on the
Empire

to the last but one of the stock

expiry of the year for which the license is issued, should mischievous results appear to follow.

Secretary.

To the Commrs, Macedon Drs.

Received ... 1878. 01952/80

From The Comm.^r Assam.

To
Section Secretary to Chief Commissioner, General Department.
File No 927 / 1B

Dated 13 August
Despatched
Received ... Regd 1/8

ENCLOSURES NO. 1

General No. 369 } 1878–79.
Rev: No. 100

Sir,

In reply to your Docket No. 2593 dated 4th July 1878, I have the honor to forward for the information of the Chief Commissioner copy of letter No. 577 dated 26th July 1878 from the Deputy Commissioner [illegible] and to state that the later date proposed by Captain Maltby for extending the Improved Excise System to the Hassan District may probably be the best.

[illegible]

I think it w^d. be well to postpone the introduction of the Improved Excise System into the Hassan Dt till 1st April next as originally proposed

[initials] 10/8/78

Col Hay says that 1st April next may "probably be the best" [illegible] Dary Meddlaud are one of the 3 Distillers at Hassan & Col H. does not perhaps see his way to transfer Hassan to them as the Arrack Contractors. It will be difficult to make the transfer of Dary also ... undelete on the terms already offered, as the Hassan Distillery will be available for manufacturing arrack for the whole Div^n. Col Hay is now at Hassan & may consider the arrangt [initials] 13/8

I have no objection to the date being 1st April next. [initials] 13/8

Deputy Comr.s office
Hassan District

No 671 of 78-79.

Hassan 26th July 1878

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To,

The Commr. Mysore &c &c

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your docket No. 409 of the 11th Inst. enclosing copy of the Chief Commrs letter No $\frac{2593}{32}$ dated 4th July, and Calling for my opinion on Certain points.

II I note, that at one time, it was not proposed to introduce the new system into the Hassan District, till 1st April 1879, but now, for reasons of which I am unaware, the date is changed to 1st October 1878. I think, the former date would be the better one, as it would have given longer time to the present distillers to get in their advances for jaggory &c, and generally to wind up their affairs.

Sent as proposed by Mysore Circular letter of 7 June 78 R

III With regard to the proposal for abolishing the distillery at Hassan, and having one for the whole division

at Mysore, I cannot see any objection thereto; but as from the Correspondence available in this office, it appears that the Contract for the Mysore District has already been given out up to 30th April 1880, I do not see how it can be done before that date, as the Contractor for the Mysore District might not be the highest bidder for this.

I have &c.

(Signed) E. P. Hall

Deputy Commr

Hossur Dt

"Copy"

S. J. Morris

for Commr Ashtagram Divn

Excise 1878. No. 46

From

To The Comrs of Customs

Section S.R

Dated 14 Aug 1878

Despatched 15 Do.

Received 20 - -

Enclosures No.

General No. 3733

R No. 44

Your Docket No. 369 of
suggesting the
3 August 78 stating that
advisability of postponing
~~the date fixed must cover pro-~~
~~bably be the best date~~
for the introduction of the
Improved Excise System
into the Hassan District
~~with a view~~
appeared —
In reply intimate
that the C. Comrs sees no
objection to the date being
1st April 79 and suggests
that as Messrs Davy & Co
are one of the 3 Distillers
at Hassan it will not

I.O. part 4.

be difficult to make transfer of the contract for the whole Division to them if they are willing to undertake it on the terms already offered. The Russian Artillery being wanted for the manufacture of Cordite.

Yours truly,

Secy.

1879 No 102

To

The Commrs of Ashtagram D

Section 5,12
File 9-77
D 6th February 1879.
Desp'd 18
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Encl: 1 Notification.

Revenue Sec: From the Govt of India No. 604 dated 11th Novr 1878.
Special No 9931/100

Ordering that tenders for arrack contracts be invited for the Ashtagram Divn from 1st Apl 79 for 2 yrs & returning Commrs notn relating to Hassan Distt for alteration accordingly.

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To go today if possible. A copy of the draft notifn shewing red ink corrections to be made & kept in the office.

Encl ^

Ashtagram Commr. letter
No. 736/226
15th Jany 1879 with Draft-
Notf-

Also, letter No 762/229 28th Jany 1879
from the Commr Ashtagram
reporting that Messrs Davy
Muddappa & Co object to
being held to the
take up) arrack Contract
(&c) for the Nuggur Distt as accepted
in CCs Proop. No 885/9 of 7 May 78.

Inviting tenders for the
exclusive privge of manu-
facture & sale of arrack in
the Hassan Distt:

No 9931/100 6th February 1879.

No 8149/R161

Section S. R.
File No 9-27-78
Serial No

Encl ^ Proposed Notf for Hassan Collr.

Under the orders of Govt I am
to invite fresh tenders for
the contract for the distillation and supply of arrack
for both the Districts of Kadur
and Hassan, for a
term of two years com-
mencing from 1st April
1879, and to call upon
the Commr to forward for
publication without any
loss of time a Draft Notifi-
cation on the subject.

2. The contract should be
given in accordance with
the principles indicated
in the order dated 9th Jany
1879. The alterations ne-
cessary to this end are
indicated in red ink
in the Draft Notfn for
Hassan which is here
with returned.

3. It would seem that the
wholesale prices have
been fixed at the same
rate as in last year,

when the price of jaggery
was high. These are
Rs 4-11 for Hassan Town,
and Rs 3-10 for the Dis
trict for 20° U.P.-
4 In the Nandidroog Dw"
having regard to the fall
in the price of jaggery
the wholesale rates are
proposed to be reduced
to Rs 4-6-4 for the Town,
and Rs 3-6 for the Dist,
which rates are considered
liberal,- the retail prices
being also proportionately
reduced to Rs 5 & Rs 4
for the Town & District
respectively.
5. There seems to be no
reason why the same
rates of wholesale &
retail prices should not
be adopted for the Towns
and Districts of Mysore
& Hassan.
6 The Comm" of Astagram

is requested to alter the prices accordingly in the draft-wohf^a to be submitted.

7. The Comm^r should also explain the ratio of license fees & Municipal duties collected in the retail arrack shops in the H^d Quarter Towns & in the Districts.

8 As the alterations in the terms of the contract made under the order of 9th January dispense the Contractor of any pecuniary interest in the retail shops, he may be relieved of the cost of the Police Guard which may be borne by Govt, or, what would be still better, he may be allowed a small share in the additional revenue derived by Govt

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over and above the minimum guaranteed amount at the rate, say, of one anna on every rupee of such additional revenue.

The Commr is requested to insert a provision to this effect in the Draft notification -

To allow a sufficient time for the intending bidders the date for receiving tenders may be fixed at 10th March. A brief notification will meanwhile be immediately published intimating that tenders for the annual contract for the two Districts for two years from 1st April 1879 will be received by the Commr of the Division on 10th March, and that

the details as to terms of the contract will be shortly published.

10. The Comm^rs should in a separate report explain the reasons of the grand delay in completing the distilling arrangements at Mysore which were expected to be ready in June last.

11 This delay has occasioned a heavy loss to Government in the increased price which had to be paid for arrack imported from Bombay, and has placed the whole matter practically under Mr. Davy as Mr. Davy who could not, under the circumstances be held to the minimum revenue guaranteed by Mysore.

12 The Comm^rs should

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also report upon the
arrears collections
up to date in the City
and District compared
with previous years.

H.G
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